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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/US04/03878

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1-60 as originally filed/furnished

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

☒ the claims:

pages 61-67 as originally filed/furnished

pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

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☒ the drawings:

pages 1-4 as originally filed/furnished

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

** If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."*

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PCT/US04/03878**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>2-7, 14-23, 26, 28, 29 and 31-43</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1, 8-13, 24, 25, 27 and 30</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>2-7, 14-23, 26, 28, 29 and 31-43</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1, 8-13, 24, 25, 27 and 30</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-43</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1, 8-13, 24, 25, 27 and 30 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Redepenning (US 2002/0084194 A1). Redepenning teaches (see claim 20) a method for electrochemically depositing a polysaccharide having a selected physical state including providing a substrate (cathode), contacting the substrate with an aqueous solution comprising a selectively insolubilizable polysaccharide (chitosan) and electrochemically depositing the polysaccharide while controlling deposition conditions to control the physical state. Regarding claim 12, Redepenning teaches (see claim 35) further treating the depositing coating with a basic solution. Regarding claim 24, Redepenning teaches (see claim 35) coupling the chitosan molecules to hydroxyapatite. Regarding claim 27, Redepenning teaches (see claim 25) using a current density of 10 A/m² to 10000 A/m², thus overlapping the presently claimed range at 10-100 A/m². Regarding claim 30, the coupling of the chitosan to hydroxyapatite occurs after electrochemically depositing the chitosan.

Claims 2-7, 14-23, 26, 28-29 and 31-43 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest (i) claims 2-7, 22-23, 26, 28 and 39-43, that the selected physical state is a hydrogel; (ii) claims 14-15, an ionizable group comprising one of the selected types; (iii) claim 16, treating the polysaccharide with an acidic solution; (iv) claims 17-18, using a non-conducting material as the substrate; (v) claim 19, utilizing gold; (vi) claims 20-21, using a patterned substrate; (vii) claim 29, coupling a molecule to the chitosan (polysaccharide) before electrochemically depositing the chitosan (polysaccharide); and, (viii) claims 31-38, none of these features including modifying the polysaccharide to improve conjugatability or to couple the polysaccharide with other molecules.

Claims 1-43 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

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Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

Continuation of Box No. I, item 2:

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion was established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search and/or examination
☐ received by this Authority as an amendment* on _____

2. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

3. Additional comments:

* If item 4 in Box No. I applies, the listing and/or table(s) related thereto, which form part of the basis of the report, may be marked "superseded."